



Broadway
United Methodist Church



The Broadway — June 2010

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The Pastor's Paragraphs

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
~ Acts 2:1-4

*I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention...
"The Summer Days" by Mary Oliver*

As the Pentecost Spirit blew through Broadway today, our children were outside with chalk, drawing beautiful hearts, rainbows, crosses, smiley faces, and writing "love everybody," "Welcome to Broadway," "Jesus loves you," and "Love rules" across the sidewalks around our doors.

What a beautiful summer-time gift, as the temperatures soar and we head outside, knowing that June is around the corner.

Summer...we've gotten it all at once, haven't we? More pollen than our systems can handle, green everywhere, and not even a warm – but HOT – breeze.

Summer...the season of growth, of abundance.

Summer...the season of leisure.

Summer...ahhhhh.

A poem by Mary Oliver invites us to pay attention "to what really matters." To pay attention: in this season of summer rest, when schedules slow down and allow us the space and grace to notice what God is doing in the world.

And: to pay attention to how *we become participants* with God's doing in the world. To pay attention to the oil spill that won't go away; the continuing re-building of Haiti; the number of kids killed by guns in Chicago (and the threat that the Supreme Court may overturn the city's gun ban). To pay attention to the greater number of folks lined up at the food pantry; attention to the one whose grief is betrayed in tears shed; attention to the one who is left out. Attention to seeing Christ in one another. Attention to meeting Christ in a stranger.

One of my liturgical resources says: "Abundance is created when we choose to come together to celebrate, remember, and share all that we have been given"...that's what we do as the gathered community we call "church." May our summer season lead us into a deeper understanding of that community as we anticipate an encounter with God.



Seeking to pay better attention,

Lois +

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr



Vernice's View

As we enter the month of June, I am feeling hopeful. This congregation has come far this year as we continue to transition. Has it been easy? No. Have we lost some dear friends in the process? Yes and my heart aches. I'm sure many of you reading this are experiencing similar emotions. Yet, we continue on the journey. Some of the small group Bible studies and discussion groups have yielded unforeseen and unexpected fruit; fruit that can be felt and measured not only spiritually, but communally. I glimpse richer relationships among people who — though in community with each other for a while — are only now learning, as a result of sharing together in small groups, to hear one another and be with one another in a deeper, more fulfilling way. I sense a peacefulness, even as we endeavor to balance the realities of being community.

I love that the tools we are using are as diverse as our community; tools like *Velvet Elvis*, *Take this Bread*, *Dismantling Racism*, *GenderQueer*, *The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb*, *Cultivating Fruitfulness*; as well as Bible studies from lectionary to Psalms to Luke to short-term *Disciple* Studies. And let's not forget our open sanctuary and guided meditation time. We are making a sincere effort to care for every aspect of our lives, mind, body and spirit. We are affecting change by studying and participating in conversations about what it means to be Christian, what it means to be multi-cultural, what it means to be anti-racist and reconciling. We are affecting change as we walk and talk with one another with open hearts and minds. We are affecting change as we connect with our extended community, outside of Broadway's walls, in service and mission.

This month we celebrate Pride. And as we do so, I hope our dialogue and intentional study will help us experience this time with fresh perceptions and goals. I hope there will be a deeper, wider, more expansive appreciation of what it means to share in the struggle of equality with the gay community. I hope there is a sense that as long as inequality exists for any, none of us are truly free; a sense that if one suffers as a result of injustice, we all suffer. My final hope is that through further study and interaction we learn to recognize just how connected we are to one another — that though we may look different and love differently, we are kin-folk and desire the same things out of life — to love and be loved among the most essential.

As a straight ally I am so thankful to be on that journey with my sisters and brothers who are gay and I celebrate with pride all that they bring to my life and to the life of this community and world. My prayer this month is that we, no matter how weary and scarred, will individually and collectively persevere in our learning and dialogue and that we work together to speak to the pain in our world. I pray we will, with passion and determination, address issues of inequality wherever we find it; not only address it, but work tirelessly to eradicate it. May the Spirit of God energize us as we continue on this faithful journey.



Yours in Truth and Justice,
Vernice

CONGRATULATIONS ALYSSA AND EARL ON COMPLETING CONFIRMATION THIS MONTH.

YOUR BROADWAY FAMILY SALUTES YOU AND WISHES YOU BOTH THE BEST!

Kevin's Korner

June 2010

Background note: Rev. Kevin A. Johnson and Mike Shear are BUMC members who moved to Palm Springs, California, in July 2002, to begin Bloom in the Desert Ministries, which is an interdenominational, inclusive Christian ministry including the Methodist (Broadway style) tradition. "Kevin's Korner" is a monthly column reporting on their progress so Broadway and Bloom stay well connected in ministry together. (www.bloominthedesert.org)



Being invited to provide the invocation for a Palm Springs City Council meeting is a privilege I appreciate. I am thankful that there is a public moment to pause in the presence of the reality that there is more to life than meets the eye. It is a time to see how various people approach these invocations differently. It is also a time to acknowledge that experiencing religious practice and religious diversity in the public square is not the same as establishing a public religion.

Here is what I offered on May 5th:

Thank you Mr. Mayor and members of the Council. Please join me by opening our hearts and minds in prayer and meditation:

You to whom we turn our selves, as we travel on life's short journey we pause to remember that you are the Everlasting Oasis of Grace and Truth. It is good for humans to take pause in days when business is in transition and decisions are harder to make.

Now we ask for the presence of Wisdom, from small ways to profound.

Your whispering voice calls us to harmony, but there are times when discordant actions knock our sensibilities out of tune. We ask for willingness and ability to hear what needs to be heard so people in our charge are free to thrive united – without unreasonable burden. Thank you for the promise of new life in every passing moment. Help us start afresh when ways are stale. Bless each one in this chamber with the grace and truth necessary as good people engage in common pursuits.

Our history is rugged and our way can be rocky. Yet the combined efforts of human force can make living easier for all. Help us remember that governments are formed by people, for whom they are intended. Eternal Source of light and life, you are welcome here.

We are thankful for city leaders and staff who work hard doing their best. Bless them with loving kindness in action and experience. Touch their families as you touch us all — with opportunity and responsibility that the grasp of hope and goodwill can empower.

In your many names we offer these few words. Amen.

Please keep all of us in your prayers and join the Bloom in the Desert Ministries Group on Facebook.

KAJ

Church/Charge Conference (all-congregational meeting)

Tuesday, June 29 at 7:30 pm,

for the purpose of extending our Transitional Team structure through December 2010, and to elect persons to a few positions where natural attrition has left vacancies.

PRIDE MONTH 2010

BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY: ON THE ROAD TO JUSTICE

Pride month has long played an important role in our justice ministry at Broadway. Through the years, this month has provided a time for celebration of the pride we take in each one of our journeys and the pride we share in our community's wide welcome. It has also been a time for reflecting and holding ourselves accountable to the mission we seek to live out and the authentic lives God wants for us.

Having recently celebrated the naming of our common passions, we are excited about the coming month of continued growth and transformation at Broadway. Justice ministry (including LGBTQAI equality and anti-racism) was by far the most common passion shared on our recent survey. This month, we invite you to join us in growing further into our vision of inclusion, radical hospitality and shared leadership led by the Creator's Spirit.

Whether you are a long-time justice seeker or taking your first steps on the road to justice, your participation is not only welcome but absolutely needed in our month of celebration, worship, education and action. Make connection, praise God, renew your commitment, boldly forge new paths for ministry, and share God's good news for all people: this is the season to take action on God's call for you, God's beloved.

On the Road to Justice Discussion Group

Sundays: June 6, 13, 20 at 10:00 am in the Pillow Room.

Each Sunday, we rejoice in connection and community as our pastors acknowledge and celebrate the beautiful diversity of our community: our ages, our races, our gender identities, our sexual orientations, our abilities, our economic statuses, and our stages on the faith journey. Connect with others on the road to justice as we examine both the distinct features and the intersections of our individual justice journeys.

Date	Topic	Facilitators
6.06.2010	Sexism	Becky Szuls, Tim Gaumer
6.13.2010	Racism	Vincent Wiggins, Peter Godard
6.20.2010	Transphobia	Tricia Nowacki, Erica Chu, Tim Barnes, John Donaldson

Pride Picnic and Parade

Sunday, June 27 after the 10:00 am service.

Directly following our single 10:00 am worship service on Pride Sunday, join in our annual Pride Picnic on the parsonage lawn. We'll provide the hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share. Then stick around to share in the celebration of the Chicago Pride Parade.

Or, join in with fellow Broadway members and friends as they march in the parade!

Volunteers needed for picnic set-up, picnic clean-up, and marching!

- Picnic. Contact Craig Fitzgerald (craig_m_fitzgerald@yahoo.com)
- Parade. Contact Richard Holley (holleyrichard@att.net)

Writing Your Story, Writing Broadway's Story: Workshop and Publication **Sunday, June 13 at 2:00 pm in the Wesley Room.**

What's your story? What has your faith journey been like as an LGBTQAI person or ally? What challenges have you faced, what challenges are still present for LGBTQAI folks and allies in the world and in Christian communities? What has your experience been in being a part of Broadway?

In celebrating Pride month, we want you to share your story as an LGBTQAI person or ally! Your story can be an invaluable source of education and community-building. Our congregation's stories will be compiled in a publication that will be distributed on Pride Sunday, June 27.

We'll hold an editing workshop on Sunday, June 13th at 2:00 pm in the Wesley room. At the workshop, we'll share our work and do some editing. But wherever you are in the writing process, we'll help you out, and you can help out others!

During the June 23rd Wednesday evening service, you'll have the opportunity to share your testimony.

Your narrative should be no more than 1500 words, but there is no minimum.

Please send your typed submissions to Tricia Nowacki at tricianowacki@gmail.com by **Sunday, June 20th**. If you can't type your story, please let Tricia know by Sunday, June 13th.

Trans/Queer Movie Festival & Community Screening of *For the Bible Tells Me So*

Every Friday in June: June 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7:00 pm, free popcorn!

On Friday, June 25, we will show *For the Bible Tells Me So*, a 2007 documentary about five families facing the often difficult confrontation of LGB identities and Christian faith communities. This is a great opportunity to invite people to Broadway from around Lakeview and the surrounding communities, so plan on inviting your friends and helping us get the word out about this event!

Wednesday Pride Worship Services

Every Wednesday in June: June 2, 9, 15, 23 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Join us for a special series of services to celebrate pride month. Each service will have a different style: healing, contemplative, celebratory. Our service on June 23rd will feature the personal narratives of those who participate in the "Writing Your Story, Writing Broadway's Story" Workshop.

Acting for Justice: Service and Action Opportunities

- Shelter dinners. **June 7 & June 21.** Contact Craig Fitzgerald (craig_m_fitzgerald@yahoo.com)
- Gardening at Broadway. **Anytime.** Contact MJ Grimshaw (mgrimshaw@sbcglobal.net)
- Lakeview Action Coalition Assembly. **June 22 at 7:00 pm.** Temple Sholom @ 3480 N Lakeshore Drive. (Call 773.549.1947 to RSVP; also see page 7 for more information)

PRIDE MONTH 2010

BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY: ON THE ROAD TO JUSTICE

Sunday Worship Services

Sundays: June 6, 13, 20 at 8:45 am and 11:00 am in the sanctuary.

Sunday, June 27 at 10:00 am only in the sanctuary.

June 20. Guest Preacher: Rev. Erialou Roller



Rev. Erialou Roller retired eight years ago from active ministry in the Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church where she served for 25 years as pastor of three churches and superintendent of the Elgin District.

Since retiring, she teaches classes on a variety of subjects including An Introduction to the Enneagram (a spiritual growth tool), is a chaplain for the Straight Spouse Network and volunteers at workshops helping immigrants prepare for U.S. citizenship. She earned a B.S. in Education from Florida State University and an M. Div. from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary where she was awarded the Cuba (IL) Preaching Prize by the faculty. Golden Tree Publishing has recently published her first book, *On Thundering Wings: Homosexuality, Love and the Church on Trial*.

Roller recently returned from a pre-publication book tour in New Jersey and Colorado where she served for two weeks as Theologian-in-Residence at First UMC, Boulder. She will be the featured speaker at a Reconciling Ministries breakfast during the South Carolina Annual Conference.

Roller is the widow of Rev. Dr. Charles H. Ellzey and the mother of three children.

June 27. Guest Preacher: Sue Laurie



Sue Laurie is United Methodist. She is called to ordained ministry and received an M. Div. from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1995. She has been turned down for ordination three times so far, but has found ways to continue to minister with and to the larger UMC. This has brought many adventures including the 2000 General Conference arrest with several Broadway UMC members, and eight years as the National Outreach Coordinator of Reconciling Ministries Network, an organization of United Methodists working for the full inclusion of LGBT people.

She met her partner Julie Bruno in Bible Study at a UMC in Pennsylvania in 1982. The couple was wedded in a ceremony at the United Methodist General Conference in Fort Worth, TX in 2008. At the time, Laurie indicated that the ceremony was, "less about upsetting people and more about letting people who are isolated know that these ceremonies are going on regardless of the church's position on homosexual marriage."

Sue Laurie recently joined the staff at First United Methodist Church in Arlington Heights as part-time Pastor of Outreach and leader of Rainbow Circle: For God... For ALL People... For a Change... a gathering that provides a safe place for LGBT Christians to explore their faith.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

June 30 — August 18: Invitation to the Old Testament, an eight week in-depth *Disciple* Bible Study. This is an opportunity to read the Bible with curiosity; to ask the questions: who? what? where? when? how? and why? This study allows scripture to speak even if the meaning is troubling or unclear. We will use the Bible and various study tools to seek answers to questions that arise. **We meet each Wednesday at 7 pm in the pillow room.** Please contact the office to reserve your spot. Books for the class will be ordered the cost is \$11 or pay-as-you-can (please see Vernice). Hope to see you there.

LAC 2010 ACTION ASSEMBLY

POWER * HOPE * JUSTICE

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

7:00-8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)

Temple Shalom — Sanctuary (3480 N Lake Shore Dr)

Join 700 other members of the Lakeview, Lincoln Park, and North Center neighborhoods as we come together to celebrate the work LAC has done over the past two years and use our collective power to advance our issues. Spend 90 minutes fighting for power, hope and justice this summer!

Call LAC at 773-549-1947 to RSVP, if you need childcare, or if you have any questions.

SPIRIT LAKE MISSION NEWS

Plans are moving forward for the mission trip to Spirit Lake Dakota Nation, Devils Lake, North Dakota, **July 25-31**. There is still some more room for team members to join us — if you're interested, please review the information sheet on the website [www.broadwaychurchchicago.org/content/join_us/summer_2010_mission_trip] and fill out an intent form [link on website], return it to me at the church.

If you can't join us as a member of the team, there will be a number of ways you can support this mission project — we will be gathering materials to donate as the departure date gets closer. If you're willing to support the team's travel through donations, those can be accepted at any time — checks can be made out to Broadway and designated "Spirit Lake Mission."

There will be a team meeting on **Tuesday, June 8, at 7 pm** in Area C. We'll be meeting to make transportation plans, discuss financial arrangements, and review what we know so far about work opportunities. Hope you can join us.

~ Clayton Parr



COVENANT EXPLORATION

Are you interested in joining Broadway's family? Would you just like to know more about the congregation? If either is the case, "Covenant Exploration" may be the experience for you. Everyone is welcome as we hold a **one-day class on Saturday, June 5th from 9:30 am to 1 pm (lunch will be provided.)** We plan to receive new members on Sunday, June 20th. Covenant Exploration has been designed for people who are interested in entering into covenant with Broadway and the United Methodist denomination or only with Broadway. The class is a prerequisite for taking the vows of connection. So if you're thinking of "joining the family," think about this opportunity to learn more! If you have questions, please contact one of the pastors.

JUNE MISSION MINUTE

Reconciling Ministry Network (RMN)

The Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) is a growing movement of United Methodist individuals, congregations, campus ministries, and other groups working for the full participation of all people in the United Methodist Church. As of January 2010, the RMN encompasses 295 Reconciling Congregations, 35 Reconciling Campus Ministries, and 89 other Reconciling Communities and Ministries. They grew out of Affirmation, United Methodists for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns. In October, 2000, they changed their name from the Reconciling Congregation Program to the Reconciling Ministries Network. They are governed by a Board of Directors, volunteers who reflect the diversity of the RM movement.

Mission Statement: Reconciling Ministries Network mobilizes United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our Church and world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love.

Vision: Reconciling Ministries Network envisions a renewed and vibrant Wesleyan movement that is biblically and theologically centered in the full inclusion of God's children. Reconciling Ministries Network is committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by living out the Gospel's teaching of justice and inclusion.

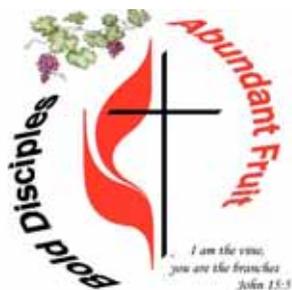
More information can be found at: <http://www.rmnetwork.org/>

June's Mission Minute Sunday is **June 13, 2010**. However, you can make donations to *Reconciling Ministry Network (RMN)* throughout the month. To donate, mark your envelope or check with the Mission Minute. (Make check out to Broadway Church but be sure to mark your donation for *Reconciling Ministry Network* or June Mission Minute.)

Broadway will also be celebrating "Reconciling Sunday" in June.



NORTHERN IL ANNUAL CONFERENCE



171st Northern Illinois Annual Conference

Pheasant Run in St. Charles

Sunday June 13th to Wednesday June 16th

“Bold Disciples; Abundant Fruit” is the theme of this year’s Annual Conference — the annual gathering of our area of the UMC — which is an open event. Come as you can to observe legislative & plenary sessions throughout the four days, learn more about the UMC, and/or join in Worship & Bible Study.

Our Bishop, Hee-Soo Jung, writes, “As lay members and clergy from churches across Northern Illinois we gather to celebrate and affirm God’s call to ‘make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.’ As our world rapidly changes we are challenged to be bold in our actions as disciples.”

Keynote speaker this year is Rev. Gil Rendle (Alban Institute); Bible Study Leader is Sister Kathleen Flood (Spiritual Formation Academy). Bishop Deborah Kiesey (Dakotas Conference) and Young Hun Lim (Seoul South Annual Conference) and Bishop Wayne Miller of the ELCA will also be guests.

Broadway is represented by Lay Members to Annual Conference Diana Davis and MJ Grimshaw; and Appointed Pastor, Rev. Lois McCullen Parr.

<i>Sunday</i>	7:15 pm	Opening Worship
	9:00 pm	“Just Desserts” (\$8/person) – a special event featuring TransAfrica Forum President Nicole Lee with a program on Haiti as well as the Willie B. Clay Inspirational Choir
<i>Monday</i>	11:00 am	Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Keynote Address: Bishop’s Four Areas of Focus
	7:30 pm	Memorial Worship
<i>Tuesday</i>	11:00 am	Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ordination Worship
<i>Wednesday</i>		Closing Plenary Sessions

Broadway also has an opportunity to **support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**, whose supply truck will be at Annual Conference to collect relief supply donations.

Most needed items:

- Children’s blunt scissors,
- 6.4 oz toothpaste or larger (exp. date at least one year out)
- Crayons (24 count only)
- Spiral notebooks (8 ½” x 11” – 70 to 80 pages, wide or narrow ruled)

You can bring these items to Broadway up until Sunday, June 13, and Diana, MJ, and Lois will take them to the truck!

For information about Annual Conference: www.umcnic.org/annual_conference_2010.php

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Wow, it's hard to believe that it is June already! As May comes to a close, we celebrate all the work we have done this year. We learned about the 12 who followed Jesus, we learned how Jesus and his followers helped others, we learned to be like Jesus by serving our classmates and the congregation. All of you did a fantastic job serving the congregation during coffee hour.

We like to take a moment and thank Helen Nagel for her donation of supplies (felt, books, and markers) to the Sunday school program.

As the sun shines brightly and vacations are on the minds of all, please let Diana or Julie know when you are going to be on vacation.

We will still meet for Sunday school this summer. Our theme this summer will be "finding God through nature." We will also read the series of Eric Carle books, start a butterfly garden, plant flowers and vegetables, make tiles for the church garden and make our own book.

We also look forward to seeing Celeste train to be an acolyte in worship.

We will host our one day Vacation Bible School in August.

We are also planning our 2nd annual Zoo trip on **Sunday, June 6, 2010, from 1:00 until 3:30**. We will have lunch at the church and take the bus to Lincoln Park zoo after the 11:00 service. Make sure you bring your sunscreen. Sign up will be in the Sunday school classroom.

ADULT EDUCATION I

Don't be LEFT BEHIND. Come be enRAPTURED by a lively discussion of John's REVELATION. We are beginning an in-depth study **June 6 at 9:50 am** (between services) and will meet each week (almost). All are welcome! This class will be led by Christopher Gaul.

EDUCATION RALLY: IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Calling all educators – This education rally is to plan for effective and creative Christian education opportunities for children and adults. We need teachers and planners and crafters and nurturers. If you have special interest in the education ministry for children, youth, adults, and seniors please join us on **June 26th from 9am to 1pm** as we brainstorm and sketch out education events for Broadway for the remaining calendar year and beyond. For questions contact Pastor Vernice.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY APRIL 2010

	<u>April 2010 Actual</u>	<u>April 2010 Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Gross Income	\$21,085	\$28,796	(\$7711)
Operating Expenses	\$20,072	\$26,445	(\$6273)
Net Income	\$913	\$2351	(\$1438)

HISTORICAL NOTE

And equal success to our newly selected Music Director in 2010

“New Director of Choir” (excerpt) from *Church News*, June 1917

Mr. Wesley H. Weihe, president of the Epworth League, has been selected as director of the choir. Mr. Weihe is a graduate of Central Wesleyan College of Warrenton, MO, and at present is taking a postgraduate course at the University of Chicago. Had you been at prayer meeting last Wednesday evening you would have immediately selected him as a leader of young people by the sincere testimony he gave.

One thing we like about Mr. Weihe is this: he sets just as good an example after choir practice as during choir practice. He is a Christian young man to whom the young people can justly look up to. Success to you.

~ submitted by Mark Van Hying, Church Historian

June Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the **July 2010** issue of *The Broadway* are due **Sunday, June 20th**. Articles in electronic format are preferred and should be sent to broadwayc@ameritech.net. Hard copies may also be submitted in the newsletter mailbox off Friendship Hall.



The Broadway

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